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TOPIC General Military Information

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10 October 1952

REFERENCES

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2. The following troops and materiel were loaded at the Neustrelitz railroad station on 13 September: 9 to 10 light AA guns, 30 trucks and troops and billeting equipment on 15 boxcars: a train with 10 light AA guns.

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4. On 3 September, two flatcars at the Altruppin railroad station near Neu-ruppin were loaded with 4 amphibious cars which were destined for the Ballgow-Doeberitz railroad station. 10 SSY-type flatcars were loaded with tanks, 4 flatcars with trucks and 2 converted boxcars with escort personnel on 14 September and dispatched to [redacted] Ballgow-Doeberitz. (1)

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[redacted] 5. Clothing Depot I in Bernau (M 53/Z 96) was occupied by troops after 17 September. [redacted] two shipments that also included tanks drove into the installation after 3 a.m. Trucks [redacted]

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[redacted] loaded with billeting equipment moved into the installation. Garages were under construction. [redacted]

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[redacted] 6. [redacted] the units from Bernau started departing on 17 September. (3)

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[redacted] 7. In the afternoon of 17 September, advance parties of artillery units arrived in the former Heeresbekleidungsamt I, Bernau, on two rail shipments. Observed were 300 soldiers wearing red-bordered black berets with artillery insignia 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns [redacted]

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[redacted] At 3:30 p.m. on 18 September, a train with 2 x 76.2-mm AT guns, motor vehicles with troops and billeting equipment arrived at the Bernau railroad station.

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[redacted] 8. On 16 and 17 September, trains carrying a total of 40 T-34/85 tanks, 80 76.2-mm guns, 48 new trucks and 40 JS-3 tanks passed through the Frankfurt/Oder railroad station. (4)

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9. On 15 September, a unit of 50 officer candidates, 35 M1, 2 JS-2 tanks, 3 T-34/85 tanks, 2 SU-100 guns, all with gasoline trailers, 3 x 57-mm AT guns, 2 x 37-mm AT guns, 5 x 130-mm mortars and 8 trucks [redacted] with luggage and billeting equipment left the Kriegsschule on Kirschallee, corner of Pappelallee, Potsdam. [redacted] the unit to have moved to the Doeberitz troop training grounds. The unit included 25 officers. A field kitchen of this unit was loaded with provisions at Doeberitz twice a day. (5)

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10. At 7 a.m. on 16 September, a train with about 40 cars [redacted] with pontoons and engineer equipment [redacted] stood at the Tangermuette railroad station. The freight station was vacated at 12:55 p.m. [redacted] the train had been unloaded and the troops had departed in the direction of Sittlau. (6) At 6:05 a.m. on 20 September, a train of 35 cars with trucks, tank trucks and guns, [redacted] heavy AA guns, passed through Demker south of Stendal (M 53/Y 85) in the direction of Stendal.

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(1) [redacted] on 13 and 14 September 1952 [redacted] the departure of elements of the 2d Light Arty Brig (US), of AAA elements of the 9th Gds Tank Div and a tank unit of the 1st Mecz Div. All trains were unloaded at Doeberitz. [redacted] The shipment loaded in Altruppin on 14 September had reportedly been also bound for Doeberitz.

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(3) The report tends to indicate that the new quarters in the converted clothing depot I in Bernau were being occupied since mid-September 1952. Only billeting equipment and individual weapons of the 11th Gds AT arty Brig of the Fourth Gds Nacz Army appears to have arrived. The shipment that arrived in Bernau on 16 September is believed to be identical with [redacted] passed through Oranienburg the day before. The train came from Doeberitz. [redacted]
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25X1 The vehicles referred to [redacted] as tanks were possibly tractors. The coinciding departure of Bernau units from the Templin troop training grounds requires confirmation. It is assumed that, also from there, only advance parties of the brigade were on their way to Bernau.

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[redacted] The weapons which arrived during the period of observation were presumably consigned to WP units.

(5) The weapons observed are used for instructional purposes with the officer and officer candidate courses of the GORG in the Kriegsschule Potsdam.

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